

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification at paragraph [0003] on page 1 as follows:

*PO* [0003] Safety devices are ~~know~~, known, which have a gas generator and a gas cushion connected to it, an outflow orifice of variable size being arranged on the gas cushion. German Utility Model DE 88 00 530 U, for example, discloses an airbag, the outflow orifices of which are closed by closing members made from a flexible deformable material that are provided with an aperture. The cross section of the aperture in the closing part changes as a function of the internal pressure in the gas cushion, i.e. when the airbag is filled to the maximum the cross section is at its greatest and the size of the cross section decreases continuously as the airbag empties.

Please amend the specification at paragraph [0008] on page 3 as follows:

*PO* [0008] These and other objects and advantages are achieved by the safety device according to the invention for a motor vehicle, which includes a gas generator, an airbag and at least one orifice with a variable flow resistance, through which gas can flow. The orifice is configured at least in part in a duct shape region(s) whose flow resistance ~~of the duct shaped partial region~~ adjusts automatically as a function of the velocity of the gas flow flowing through the orifice.